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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Ia re Application of

WALTER DI NARDO ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 10/520,895~

Group Art Unit 2873

Filed: January 11, 2005

STORAGE UNIT FOR ELONGATED PRODUCTS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment / a response in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.
An additional fee is required as calculated below -

	Claims				Other Than A
	Remaining	Highest No.		Small Entity	Small Entity
	After	Previously	Present	Addnl	. Addnl.
	Amendment	Paid For	Extra	Rate Fee	Rate Fee
Total	28	Minus * 28		x \$ 25 \$	x\$ 50 \$
Indep	<u> </u>	Minus * 3		x \$100 \$	x\$200 \$
First	Presentation of	Mul Dep Claim		x \$180 \$	x\$360 \$
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\* The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest

number of claims filed originally or highest number found from equivalent box of a prior amendment.

X This response is being filed within the period for response.

Applicant(s) hereby petition for an extension from the date of the Examiner's Action as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ Small entity status of this application has been established.

A Check in the amount of \$\(\frac{1}{2}\) -0- is attached hereto. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3690 of the undersigned attorney. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 14, 2005

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The present application is the National phase filing based on International Application No.

PCT/IT2003/000423 filed July 4, 2003. Prior to action by the Examiner in the captioned application, please amend the application as set forth below.